COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
INCIDENT DATA

WHAT INITIATED INCIDENT

Call [XX] Observation [ ] Search Warrant [ ] Arrest Warrant [ ]

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

Little Tujunga Canyon Road @ Mile Marker 12.34

TYPE OF LOCATION

Residence [ ] Business [ ] Industrial [ ] Parking Lot [ ]

Street [ ] Backyard [ ] Freeway [ ] Rural [ ]

Other [XX] Angeles National Forest

SHOOTING CONDITIONS

DATE	TIME	DAY
09/06/95	1600 Hours	Wednesday

LIGHTING	WEATHER
Daylight	Hot and Dry

DISTANCE

Approximately 100 Feet

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

See Investigative Summary

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CLASSIFICATION

ACCIDENTAL:	No
GUN TAKE-AWAY:	No
PERSON(S) ARMED:	Yes
PERSON(S) UNARMED:	No
STARTLE:	No
UNINTENTIONAL:	No
DEPUTY IN UNIFORM:	[X] RAID JACKET: [ ] PLAIN CLOTHES: [ ]
VEST WORN:	Yes
FOOT PURSUIT:	No
VEHICLE PURSUIT:	Yes
MOVING VEHICLE:	No
VEHICLE STOP:	No
TYPE OF HOLSTER:	Department Issue
GUN IN HOLSTER:	No
STRUGGLE INVOLVED:	No

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND INFORMATION:
Non-Hit Shooting Following Vehicle Pursuit.

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DEPUTY INVOLVED

SHOOTER							
EMPLOYEE'S NAME: ELLISON, Adam							
RANK: Deputy Sheriff		EMPLOYEE NO.: [redacted]		UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT: Cresenta Valley Station/F.O.R. I			
SEX: Male	RACE: White		HEIGHT: 5'08"	WEIGHT: 175	DATE OF BIRTH: [redacted]		AGE: [redacted]
DUTY STATUS: Continuing on duty						HIRE DATE: 09-24-86	
UNIFORM: Yes	RAID JACKET: No		PLAIN CLOTHES: No			VEST: Yes	
INJURED: No					DECEASED: No	CORONER'S CASE NO.: N/A	
DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES: None							

WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [ ] NO [X]

WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [ ] NO [X]

WHERE?

SUPERVISED BY:

WEAPON USED		
TYPE: Beretta 9 MM	AUTHORIZED: Yes	
AMMUNITION TYPE: Department Issue	AUTHORIZED: Yes	
RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE): [redacted]	NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY: Two	NO. OF HITS: None

DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY		
UNDER THE INFLUENCE: No	TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED: N/A	ORDERED BY: N/A

TRAINING INFORMATION	
LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE): [redacted]	PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE): [redacted]

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY		
DATE	**UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT**	**RANK**
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
03/94-Present	Cresenta Valley Station	Deputy Sheriff

PRIOR SHOOTING INCIDENTS (ALL KNOWN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTY HAS DISCHARGED A WEAPON INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES AND SHOTS FIRED AT ANIMALS OR HUMANS)		
FILE	**DATE**	**TYPE**
090-09196	10-07-90	Hit Shooting While off Duty after being fired upon
492-08759	10-02-92	Non-Hit Shooting On Duty after being fired upon
005282	05-08-93	Hit Shooting-Illegal shooting call-Suspect Deceased
005282	05-08-93	Hit Shooting-Same incident as above-Second
		Suspect was unarmed.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
		[redacted]

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SUSPECT/SUBJECT

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M/I
CARRIER	Irving	D.

ADDRESS
[redacted]

SEX:	RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B.	AGE	DECEASED
Male	Black	5'09"	125	[redacted]	20	No

INJURED	DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES
No	None

SUSPECT'S TOXICOLOGY

UNDER THE INFLUENCE	
No	

TYPE OF SUBSTANCE	LAB TEST CONDUCTED
N/A	N/A

ARMED	TYPE OF WEAPON
Yes	Black Pistol (NFD)

NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED BY SUSPECT	NUMBER OF HITS
None	None

SUSPECT VEHICLE

1993 Honda Civic, Cal. Lic. [redacted]

CRIMINAL HISTORY (ATTACH COPY OF RAPS)

See Attached

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

See Investigative Summary

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

On September 6, 1995, at 1900 hours, Sergeants Timothy Cornell and Mark Walker, along with Lieutenant Ronald Tardiff, of the Internal Affairs Bureau, responded to a deputy involved non-hit shooting. In that incident, deputies from Norsat and Crescenta Valley Station were involved in the vehicle pursuit of Suspect Irving Daniel Carrier, who was wanted for murder (Exhibit A). The pursuit terminated on Little Tujunga Canyon Road when Carrier lost control of his vehicle and went off the side of roadway, crashing approximately 100' down into the canyon. Carrier was not injured in the crash and as he exited his vehicle, he pointed a black pistol at Deputy Adam Ellison, #[redacted], assigned to Crescenta Valley Station (CVS). Ellison responded by firing two rounds from his department issued Beretta 9mm pistol at Carrier, who was not hit by the gun fire.

I.A.B. NOTE: A copy of the transmissions via dispatch frequency 1, regarding the pursuit is currently on file a IAB.

Deputy Adam Ellison stated he and his partner, Deputy Gary Sica, #[redacted], were working unit 77 PM's and shortly after they started their shift they was advised via radio that a Norsat unit was following a 187 PC vehicle, and were requesting a Crescenta Valley unit(s) to assist them in stopping the vehicle. They were further advised the suspect vehicle was eastbound on the 210 freeway approaching La Tuna Canyon Road. They continued to monitor the location of the suspect vehicle and ultimately exited the freeway at Osborne Street, where they encountered units from Norsat, as well as, unit 76, Deputy Richard Ellis, #[redacted], also from Crescenta Valley Station.

Ellison said once they got behind the suspect vehicle, both patrol units activated their overhead emergency lights in an effort to make the stop. The suspect vehicle yielded on Osborne Street just north of Foothill Boulevard, and as the deputies were exiting their vehicles, the suspect vehicle suddenly accelerated away from them. The vehicle proceeded into Little Tujunga Canyon, with Deputy Ellis directly behind him and Ellison and Sica were the second vehicle in the pursuit.

Ellison said they pursued the vehicle through the canyon with emergency lights on continuously and sirens on as needed, there was also an aero unit (Air 24) overhead during this time. At approximately mile marker 12.73, the suspect vehicle struck the guard rail and came to a momentary stop. Deputy Ellis again began to exit his vehicle, however, the suspect vehicle again sped away. Ellison and Sica were able to maneuver past Ellis and took over the primary pursuit vehicle position behind the suspect vehicle.

Ellison said they traveled approximately 1/3 of a mile, when the suspect lost control of the vehicle and drove off the side of the road at approximately mile marker 12.22. The suspect vehicle traveled approximately 100' down the side of the roadway and into the canyon (Exhibit B). Ellison stopped his radio car and ran down along the roadway approximately 150 to 200 feet, in an effort to get a better visual on the suspect (whom he later learned is Irving Carrier).

As Ellison ran along side the road, he saw Carrier exit the passenger's door of the vehicle with a black pistol in his right hand. Carrier was near a big oak tree and a bush when Ellison yelled at him to "stop." Carrier turned and looked up at Ellison and began to raise his gun toward Ellison, who already had his own gun in his hand. Being in fear that Carrier was going to shoot, Ellison fired one round at Carrier, who responded by ducking down and then began to run toward the tree. As he did so, Ellison fired a second round at him. Ellison told Sica to take the radio car and travel around to the other side this "horseshoe" curve in the roadway, in order to contain the suspect. He also noted

that Ellis traveled a portion of the way around the curve, but is not sure which order in the sequence events these two incidents occurred.

Ellison said he did not see Carrier again, until members of the Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) and K-9 Detail captured him approximately 2-3 hours later. Ellison did not transport Carrier to the station or anywhere else, that detail was handled by another unit. Ellison was not injured as a result of this incident and Exhibit H, is a photograph of him.

I.A.B. NOTE: Both shell casings from Ellison's weapon were located, photographed (Exhibit C) and retrieved. They are currently on file at the Internal Affairs Bureau.

Deputy Gary Sica provided substantially the same information as his partner Deputy Ellison, during his interview. He added that when the suspect vehicle went over the side of the canyon, he exited the passenger's side of their vehicle. The air was filled with dust and debris and he saw Ellison run down the road in a southerly direction, and heard Ellison fire two shots. Ellison then yelled at him, telling him that the suspect was armed. Ellison then directed him to reposition their radio car to the other side of the "horse shoe" curve to contain the suspect.

Sica said there was a lot of noise from the helicopter, which was hovering in a position of approximately the height of the roadway. He could not see the suspect from his position, and other than hearing the shots, he did not hear Ellison yell or say anything prior to firing the shots. He recalled that the shots fired by Ellison seemed to be fairly rapid in succession.

Deputy Richard Ellis confirmed he was the primary unit behind the suspect vehicle at Osborne Street and Foothill Boulevard. He confirmed the suspect vehicle yielded to his emergency lights and siren and momentarily stopped, as deputies exited their vehicles to effect a felony stop. He also confirmed the suspect vehicle then accelerated and preceded through Little Tujunga Canyon with he and unit 77 in vehicle pursuit.

Ellis provided the same information regarding the pursuit of the suspect vehicle through the canyon as Ellison. He was the lead Sheriff's vehicle and stated the suspect vehicle was "all over the road" and was swerving back and fourth on the roadway, "cutting off" what little traffic there was on the roadway. He confirmed the suspect vehicle crashed into the guard rail and was stopped for approximately 15 to 20 seconds, during which time he again exited his vehicle in order to effect the felony stop.

Ellis said he was surprised when Carrier was able to again accelerate away from them, and confirmed it was at this point that Ellison and Sica passed him and became the primary Sheriff's vehicle in the pursuit. He now became second in the pursuit and indicated he "dropped back a little way" as he was having trouble buckling his seat belt. He then attempted to catch up with the pursuit and as he rounded the next corner, he saw Ellison and Sica's vehicle come to a stop and saw them exit their vehicle. There was also a large amount of dust and debris going over the side of the canyon and it was obvious to him their attention was directed that way. He could not see the suspect vehicle and assumed it had gone over the side and his suspicions were confirmed almost immediately, as he monitored via radio, one of them saying the vehicle had gone over the side.

Ellis said he too exited his vehicle and for the next few minutes things were a little confusing, with all the noise created by the helicopter, who was down low and the various sirens on vehicles. His attention was directed toward the bottom of the canyon to where the suspect vehicle had crashed and he climbed down the side of the canyon, in an attempt to contain him. He estimated he traversed

approximately 60 to 70 feet down into the canyon at a distance behind where the suspect had gone over the side.

Ellis did not see, nor did he hear Ellison fire any rounds at the suspect, and was completely unaware shots had been fired, until sometime later. After being contacted by other deputy personnel, Ellis came back out of the canyon and redeployed to a position consistent with that described by Ellison. Ellis did not see or hear Suspect Carrier while down in the canyon.

Deputy Michael Griffin stated he was the observer in Air 24 on September 6, 1995, and he and the pilot, Deputy David Kitchings caught up with the pursuit at Little Tujunga Canyon Road, approximately 1 mile northwest of Osborne Street. He estimated they were approximately 2-3 minutes behind the initial start of the pursuit and stayed overhead calling the pursuit until it terminated.

Griffin said his responsibility was to observe the pursuit and notify deputy personnel of any problems ahead of them, such as on coming traffic. He said there was little or no traffic ahead of the pursuit and that deputies kept a good interval behind the suspect vehicle. He confirmed the statements of other deputies, that as the pursuit reached Dillion Divide and started down hill, the suspect vehicle made an inappropriate turn on one of the switchbacks and struck the guardrail. He thought the pursuit had terminated at that point, but approximately 10-15 seconds later, the suspect got the car going again.

Griffin said he does not remember seeing the deputies exit their cars as the suspect vehicle crashed into the guardrail. He confirmed the suspect vehicle traveled another 1/4 mile or so before the suspect drove off of the roadway and into a small canyon. The car came to rest at the bottom of the canyon and approximately 5 to 10 seconds passed before Suspect Carrier exited via the passenger's door.

Griffin said as Carrier exited the vehicle he looked around momentarily, he assumes to get oriented, and then quickly moved in a northwesterly direction away from the car into the bushes. It appeared to him Carrier was trying to flee and hide, and did not want to do anything other that get away. Carrier was in his view for "just a few seconds," as the helicopter was in an orbit at the time, however, he described Carrier and his clothing for the investigator. He did not see Carrier with a gun in his hand, but stated he could have had one and he did not see it. He said the helicopter was at an altitude of approximately 200 feet during the pursuit and subsequently dropped lower when the pursuit terminated. He did not see a lot of dirt and debris flying in the air as a result of the lower altitude, as others did others who were on the ground.

When advised of Ellison's statement that Carrier, upon exiting the vehicle, paused, looked up the hill and then pointed a black pistol at Ellison, Griffin said it is possible that this happened and he did not see it. He did not see Ellison firing rounds at Carrier, nor did he hear the report of the two rounds which Ellison fired. He recalls hearing traffic from a ground unit (after the pursuit terminated) indicating that Carrier was definitely armed and he subsequently relayed that information to other units.

Griffin said there were two black and white vehicles in the activate pursuit and indicate he did not see the Norsat units arrive until after the pursuit terminated when he was setting up a containment of the area. He believes the Norsat units were approximately 1 minute behind the pursuit.

Deputy David Kitchings provided substantially the same information as Deputy Griffin. However,

during the time Suspect Carrier exited his vehicle upon termination of the pursuit, he powered the helicopter into a clockwise orbit. This maneuver placed him on the outside of the incident, and in a position where he was not able to see Carrier's actions.

Officer [redacted], #[redacted], of Pasadena P.D. stated he was the observer in Aero Unit PD1, and was over the pursuit as it terminated. As Carrier's vehicle left the roadway, his pilot, Officer [redacted], #[redacted] maneuvered the helicopter into a clockwise orbit. He saw the vehicle come to a stop at the bottom of the canyon, and observed Carrier immediate exit the passenger's side of the vehicle. Carrier ran in a westerly direction and secreted himself under a large tree, where he lost sight of him. He did not see Carrier with a gun, nor did he see him look up hill, in the direction of deputy personnel. He said this action by Carrier may have happened and he did not see it, due to the orbit and the fact that he was observing this activity from an altitude of approximately 300 to 400 feet above Air 24. [redacted] did not hear any gunshots, nor did he see Ellison firing shots at Carrier.

Officer [redacted] said he and Officer [redacted] discussed this incident immediately after it happened. [redacted] told [redacted] she did not see Carrier leave the vehicle, due to flying the aircraft. It was necessary for [redacted] to point out to her where he last saw the suspect, in order for her to hover the aircraft in that area for containment purposes.

Suspect Irving Daniel Carrier initially told IAB Investigators he got out of his car via the passenger's side at the bottom of the canyon and looked back up the hill toward two deputies, who fired three or four shots at him. He said the two deputies were pointing their guns at him, and that's how he knows they both fired shots. He explained that all of the deputies look alike to him and was not able to describe which two deputies shot at him. He then said he made "eye contact" with one of the deputies by looking back over his shoulder, as he ran down the hill. He indicated the deputy he made this "eye contact" with is named Ellis. He does not remember the deputies saying or yelling anything at him prior to the shooting. (Exhibit I depicts photographs of damage sustained by Carrier's vehicle).

Carrier said he heard the helicopter above him after he crashed, and told investigators he did not have a gun during this incident. He denied pointing a gun at any deputies during this incident. Carrier told IAB Investigators he was not injured as a result of the crash or the deputies firing shots at him (Exhibit D).

Carrier stated his left arm was already injured and had been placed in a cast prior to this incident. He refused to discussed how the arm was injured, but claimed some unknown deputy grabbed him by the part of the arm not covered by the cast and squeezed it. Investigators checked that portion of the right arm, just above the elbow near the biceps, and noted some deep purple bruising, which appears to be old. It is not possible to determine if this bruising was caused by deputy personnel or in the prior incident. Additionally, Carrier claimed his arms were twisted "all up" behind his back during the arrest, and that the deputies are "cruel." Investigators checked Carrier's body for injuries, however, no injuries were found.

I.A.B. NOTE: Carrier was transported to Verdugo Hills Hospital where he was examined by Doctor Richardson and approved for booking (Exhibit E). Additionally, medical papers were found inside the vehicle Carrier was driving (Exhibit F) indicating an individual named [redacted] had been released from Olive View Medical Center on 9/6/95 at 0855 hours. This individual had been admitted to the same hospital the day before, suffering from a gunshot wound to the left forearm. Investigators asked Carrier who [redacted] is and he stated he did not want to discuss it.

Investigators learned from Sergeant William Thompson, #[redacted], assigned to the K-9 detail, that SEB deputies searching the canyon where Carrier was arrested did not find the gun he is alleged to have pointed at Ellison. Additionally, on September 7, 1995, members of the Forest Service assisted CV Station in again searching for the gun in that same area. Again, this search met with negative results, as no gun was located. A video tape recreating the route of the pursuit and the area where it terminated at the bottom of the canyon, was made by the investigators on September 21, 1995, that tape is currently on file at IAB.

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WITNESS LIST

SWORN AND DEPT EMPLOYEES TO INCLUDE NAME, RANK, EMPLOYEE NUMBER, UNIT, AND DIVISION/REGION OF ASSIGNMENT - ALL OTHER WITNESSES TO INCLUDE NAME, ADDRESS (BUSINESS AND HOME) AND TELEPHONE #

WITNESS # **1** **Gary Sica, #[redacted]**
Deputy Sheriff
Cresenta Valley Station

was interviewed on September 6, 1995 at approximately 2259 hours by Sergeants Cornell and Walker of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his AdministrativeRights: Yes [_X_] No [__]

WITNESS # **2** **Richard Ellis, #[redacted]**
Deputy Sheriff
Cresenta Valley Station

was interviewed on September 6, 1995 at approximately 2230 hours by Sergeants Cornell and Walker of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his AdministrativeRights: Yes [_X_] No [__]

WITNESS # **3** [redacted]

was interviewed on September 6, 1995 at approximately 2335 hours by Sergeants Cornell and Walker of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded.

WITNESS # **4** **Adam Ellison, #[redacted]**
Deputy Sheriff
Cresenta Valley Station

was interviewed on September 6, 1995 at approximately 2210 hours by Sergeants Cornell and Walker of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his AdministrativeRights: Yes [_X_] No [__]

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WITNESS # 5 [redacted]
Pasadena Police Department
Pasadena, Ca.

was interviewed on September 21, 1995 at approximately 1400 hours by Sergeant Cornell of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded.

WITNESS # 6 **Michael Griffin**
LASD Aero Bureau
Long Beach

was interviewed on September 19, 1995 at approximately 1020 hours by Sergeant Cornell of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his AdministrativeRights: Yes [X] No [__]

WITNESS # 7 **David Kitchings**
LASD Aero Bureau
Long Beach

was interviewed on September 7, 1995 at appoximately 1035 hours by Sergeant Walker of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was not tape recorded.

WITNESS # ____

was interviewed on ________________ at ________ hours by ______________________ of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was (was not) tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his/herAdministrativeRights: Yes [__] No [__]

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ON SCENE CHECK LIST

HANDLING UNIT	OFFICER IN CHARGE
Cresenta Valley Station Unit 76 PM 's	**Deputy Richard Ellis**
DIAGRAM LOCATION **No**	PHOTOS OF LOCATION **Yes**

NOTE ALL VEHICLES INVOLVED IN INCIDENT

LICENSE #	DESCRIPTION
[redacted]	**Purple Honda Civic**

LOCATION OF ANY WEAPONS
Not Found

LOCATION OF ANY BODIES
N/A

LOCATION OF ANY BLOOD
N/A

COMPLETE WITNESS LIST
Yes

WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [ ] NO [X]

WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [ ] NO [X]
WHERE?
SUPERVISED BY:

VIDEO TAPE OF SCENE
No

IN SERVICE SHEETS
Yes

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CASE COMPLETION CHECK LIST

RECORDED RADIO MESSAGES	**Yes**
MDT MESSAGES	**Yes**
STATION LOG PRINT OUT	**No**
CAR LOGS	**Yes**
PHONE CALL RECORDINGS PERTAINING TO CASE	**N/A**
PRINTS FROM SCENE	**N/A**
GSR TEST	**No**
BLOOD SPATTER EXAM AND ANALYSIS	**N/A**
ALL REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS FROM STATION / UNIT	**Yes**
STATION / UNIT TRAINING RECORDS	**Yes**
ACADEMY TRAINING RECORDS	**Yes**
TRAINING RECORDS FOR EQUIPMENT USED	**Yes**
SUSPECT PERSONAL HISTORY INFORMATION	**Yes**